



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

March 31, 2006

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **31-Mar-06** average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	75.00	75.50	68.50	77.50	74.25
Last week	75.00	75.50	68.50	77.50	74.25

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 31-Mar-06:

New York 80-84 **Midwest** 71-79 **California** 112

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 27-Mar-06 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	161.9	435.1	189.1	262.0	308.7	1356.8	239.5	1596.3
% change PW	14	15	8	2	11	10	2	9

Breaking Stock 31-Mar-06 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	34-35 M 34	26-31 M 27-30
Checks & Undergrades	20-24 M 20-22	14-21 M 15-18

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **25-Mar-06**. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,239,494	31,356	11,055	5,975	2,220	4,254
Previous Week	1,202,933	30,660	10,727	5,818	2,325	4,029
Last Year	1,278,298	29,793	12,772	7,075	2,919	4,355
% Change PWK	3%	2%	3%	3%	-5%	6%
% Change LY	-3%	5%	-13%	-16%	-24%	-2%
To-Date 2006	15,175,520	373,676	141,643	77,537	34,986	51,801
To-Date 2005	14,959,763	358,491	145,237	77,728	33,270	52,524
% Change YTD	1%	4%	-2%	0%	5%	-1%

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.47 **Previous Week:** 42.59 **Last Year:** 42.24

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 39.04 **Previous Week:** 39.24 **Last Year:** 38.83

In-Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	583,676	47.1%	17,112	54.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	585,507	48.7%	16,632	54.2%
LAST YEAR	522,833	40.9%	13,324	44.7%

National Liquid Eggs - 31-Mar-06 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	29	24-28	26.35	-.35
WHITES	18	31-32	31.50	.26
YOLKS	9	33.5-35.5	34.39	-.03

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 33 to 34 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 37.5 to 38 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 31-Mar-06 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot Eastern	Central	Less-than-Trucklot Eastern	(min 25 cont.) South California ²
Whole	36-46 M 37-43	41-43 M 42-43	47-52	47-51
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT		52-75	-
Whites	36-46 M 37-42	40-46 M 40	45-58	45-48
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	48-56 M 52-56	52-56	59-68	59-62
Salted	48-52	48-52	54-66	55-58

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids0

National Dried Egg Prices - 31-Mar-06 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.32-1.58	1.39-1.45
YOLKS	1.21-1.50	1.30-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.60-2.95	2.75-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	1.25-1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 25-Mar-2006

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week 1,082	This week 144	This week 1,226
Last week 1,001	Last week 249	Last week 1,250
Last year 1,711	Last year 110	Last year 1,821
To Date 2006 14,597	To Date 2006 3,013	To Date 2006 17,610
To Date 2005 17,631	To Date 2005 3,460	To Date 2005 21,091

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 18-Mar-06

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	156	0	26	182
Last year /1	311	0	0	311
To date 2006/2	2,087	40	146	2,273
To date 2005	2,850	0	61	2,911

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 18-Mar-06

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	97	12	0	109
Last year /1	77	3	0	80
To date 2006/2	638	201	41	880
To date 2005	2,183	258	300	2,741

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 18-Mar-06

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	2,070	2,050	2,070	4,560	0	10,750
Last year /1	33	2,220	18,300	2,250	2,220	780	25,803
To date 2006/2	150	12,480	15,155	14,975	8,510	810	52,080
To date 2005	66	50,420	129,084	13,275	4,712	3,793	201,350

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 24-Mar-06

Total All Layers on 01-Mar-06 totaled 350 million, up slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Mar-06 averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Mar-06 = 291.0 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Mar-06 averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Mar-05.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Feb-05 totaled 33.7 million, down 1% from Feb-05.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 36.5 million on 01-Mar-06, down 1% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 196,000 during Feb-06, down 6% from Feb-05.

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